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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

The work on San Pedro harbor has been most auspiciously begun. May it be as successfully carried on and concluded.

After a brief respite, following the municipal election, the war of the water companies has been resumed at San Diego. It will now seem more homelike to the residents.

The fact that a lot in Covina sold the other day for the highest price ever paid for Covina property is a pretty good indication that that town is forging ahead.—L. A. Times.

The sentencing of a Santa Barbara cattle thief to twenty-three years in the pen at San Quentin is evidence that the old-time California sentiment toward stock thieves has not entirely disappeared.

Five hundred San Diegos were seasick during an excursion taken to the Coronado islands on Sunday. People as familiar with water agitation as are the San Diegos ought not to succumb to mal de mer.

The editor of the Antelope Valley Gazette has an artesian well which flows water strongly impregnated with sulphur. He has evidently struck the place to which non-paying subscribers are sent.—L. A. Record.

Hueneme, too, is getting into the line of progress. It has formed an improvement club and proposes to improve its bath-houses and have a good campground on the beach. Let the procession proceed.—L. A. Express.

Subscriptions to the amount of \$15,000 secured in a few minutes last Sunday morning for the purpose of building a new church at Redlands is evidence that the religion of the Redlanders extends to their pocketbooks.

The idea of having a bathroom in a school house, as proposed in the case of the Amelia street school at Los Angeles may be somewhat unique, but it is not a bad one. Why shouldn't pupils be taught cleanliness, which is next to godliness?

San Diego, having become tired of waiting for the government to dredge a channel into the harbor there, has set Capt. Polhamus at work on the job, and he will probably soon have it done. There is promise of divine help for those who help themselves.

No other feature of the Jubilee parade was quite so interesting to tourists or newcomers on this coast as the part taken by the Chinese. The great dragon, the splendid banners and the weird music all contributed to make this feature one of rare interest.

Some of the oil men in Santa Barbara are like some of the oil men in Los Angeles. They do business on the public-be-d policy. In spite of all the protests of the chamber of commerce and citizens generally, wells are to be bored on the beach just above the city limits.

Already \$50,000 has been received at Ontario for oranges, and it is thought that the total receipts for the month will mount to at least \$50,000, a much larger amount than ever before received during a single month. And this is why the Ontarians smile.—Los Angeles Times.

The man who goes through such crowds as have been in Los Angeles and in San Pedro during the past week with a large amount of money on his person where it is possible for a thief to get it needs to explain the reason why he did so if he expects to get much sympathy after his pocket has been picked.

Because their licenses have been raised, the saloon men at Santa Monica threaten to refuse to contribute to the expense of the Sunday band concerts in that place. As its choice between having no Sunday concerts and have a surplus of cheap saloons the citizens will probably decide to sing or whistle a few tunes for themselves.

The Police Commission of Los Angeles has trodden under foot its own rules in order to convert restaurants into saloons, the City Council having decided to license slot machines and the Legislature having authorized prize-fighting. Los Angeles is prepared to welcome the toper, the gambler and the slugger on equal terms—provided all register their names at their lodging houses.

Mongolian Pheasants—Many of our local sportsmen are anxious to have our county stocked with Mongolian pheasants. We all would like to see them successfully introduced, but do not think this region suited to their peculiar habits. Oregon is specially adapted to them, and they thrive great-

ly. Its humid climate suits them; our long dry spell would not. Our specialty is the quail, which thrive in a dry arid land, but cannot and does not thrive in Oregon. It would be far better to colonize the prairie chicken, which can stand both a damp and dry climate.

On the 19th inst., the loss of a pocketbook containing quite a sum of money was advertised in the Times. This pocketbook belonged to a young lady from Connecticut and in it was her card with her Connecticut address. The pocketbook was lost on the beach at Santa Monica. Several persons must have passed it by, but the one who found it was J. C. McNerny of Redlands, and from the name and address on the card he correctly inferred that the owner was a member of the family of a prominent merchant in Connecticut with whom he served his apprenticeship when a boy. It is needless to say no reward was accepted.

The patentees of the "club" device think they have a scheme which will evade the prohibitory ordinances of no-saloon towns, and permit beer and liquor to be dealt out in spite of them. We shall now see whether their scheme will hold water, as a test case has been very promptly brought in Pasadena. The sentiment against this sort of thing is so strong in that city, that if the present ordinance does not carry guns enough to "down the enemy," another will probably be rigged with sufficient batteries. The climate of Pasadena is deadly to saloon enterprises, the officials are full of fight, and the beer-cooler might as well call it a freeze-out.

DEAD OR ALIVE.

Sheriff Hammel Offers a Reward for H. S. Starr.

\$100 Reward.—For information that will lead to the discovery of H. S. Starr, foreman of Oak Knoll ranch, Pasadena, Cal.: who disappeared from said ranch on the evening of April 24, 1899. He is described as follows: Native of Germany; age, 29 years; height, 5 feet, 8 and one-half inches; weight, about 100 pounds; hair, dark brown, light brown mustache; eyes dark gray; complexion, dark; large black mole on left shoulder blade; little finger on left hand crooked; scar at base of same finger; small lump on back of one of his hands; when spoken to is very deliberate in replying; of a rather retiring disposition; when last seen wore black sateen negligee shirt, dark gray sack coat, dark striped trousers; No. 7 pointed toe shoe, well worn; brown fedora hat. Above reward will be paid for any information that will lead to the discovery of his whereabouts, either dead or alive. Wire all information to W. A. HAMMEL, Sheriff of Los Angeles County. Dated April 27th, 1899.

The mystery of the disappearance of H. S. Starr from the Oak Knoll ranch, is deeper, darker and more impenetrable than ever. The further the case is delved into, the further from solution does the problem become.

"Never in all my experience have I come in contact with a case so deeply mysterious," said Sheriff Hammel this morning. "I am at a loss to even imagine what could have become of the man; and if he has been murdered or abducted, I cannot see what could have been the motive for the deed."

One theory after another has been taken up, turned over and abandoned. From the trail of the wheels and the marks of the struggle, it was thought that the young rancher had been kidnapped, seemingly without reason.

SEVENTH WANTS TO GO TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

A part of the old Seventh regiment is ready to go to the front again.

In case the President calls for 35,000 volunteers, as it has been rumored that he intends, an attempt will be made to raise a battalion of four companies from Southern California.

It is the general opinion among the officers of the guard that the proportion to be raised from California will be about two battalions or possibly a full regiment of three battalions.

If a regiment should be raised, friends of Lieutenant-Colonel Schreiber are anxious that he be given command. As Schreiber is more than willing to make another try at getting into active service, he would probably not decline.

Dragged Her to Jail—Mme. Marie Burroughs, alias Marie Clotte Wilson, who, with her mother, has defied all the Toledo, Ohio, authorities, and who, Saturday, brought suit aggregating \$850,000 against officials of Toledo and Fremont, was arrested amid scenes sensational. The constable ascertained where she was stopping, but was refused admittance. He swore in several newspaper men as deputies, and smashed in the door with an ax. The Burroughs woman was in bed and refused to budge. Blankets were wrapped around her and she was dragged off to jail, meanwhile uttering terrible imprecations.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Beef cattle are being shipped from Arizona to Texas. This is like sending coal to Pennsylvania.

Highbinders—Three more Chinamen were added to the list of Mongolians now in the Fresno county jail, as a result of the highbinder shooting last week.

Santa Cruz—A jury in the superior court awarded Julia Kippen \$800 damages against L. Ollason, whose dog bit her. The plaintiff sought to recover \$10,000.

Dog Show—Santa Barbara is planning to hold a dog show during the last week in May. Invitations will be sent out asking all the Southern California counties to participate.

The San Francisco newspapers state that "Police Commissioner Gunst wants to leave the state for six months." Let us be thankful that he doesn't want to take it with him.

The Southern Pacific has been pursuing its usual methods at Santa Ana, appropriating the streets first and asking for permission to use them afterward if it shall think it worth while.

The federal government has learned where it can get the best lot of seeds for its money, as is shown by the award of contract for twenty-two carloads at a cost of \$64,900 to a California seedsmen.

Colonel Melick of the Pasadena News remarks: "We take from 100 to 500 microbes into our system with each breath." Colonel Melick ought to take something killing for that breath, if he does live in Pasadena.

San Luis Obispo has voted for bonding to the amount of \$116,000 for the purpose of acquiring a water and sewer system to be under municipal control. Evidently that town is going to keep abreast of the procession.

Electrical Storm—Pasadena was visited by an electrical storm, during which balls of fire played about the telephone and electric lighting wires. The novel display was followed by a sharp fall of rain, which lasted but a few minutes.

Several of the Southern California newspapers are printing timely suggestions looking to the cleaning up and a general beautifying of their respective cities. Cannot the Petaluma Women's association be duplicated a few times in this section?

San Francisco—Cornelius McCarty, an old man who lived at No. 606 Minna street, died in the receiving hospital from injuries received by being thrown out of a saloon at No. 1161 Market street, Wednesday night. The police are looking for his assailants.

Death is a serious thing to joke about, but a Visalia man is not likely soon to hear the last of the fact that a man who ate his last meal at his restaurant choked to death on a piece of meat. Visalia restaurant ham seems to be more suddenly fatal than even army beef.

The recent developments in the placer mining regions of Lower California indicate a Klondike rush in that direction soon. Nevertheless, the wise prospector will operate in California, where there is doubtless just as much mineral and where he will not freeze or starve to death, nor melt with fervent heat.

Los Angeles Rate—The Executive Committee of the trunk-line passenger agents held a meeting at New York, at which it was decided to charge one fare, plus \$2, to the National Teachers' meeting at Los Angeles from July 11 to 14. This will also allow stop-over privileges. A one-fare rate was also allowed to the Peace Jubilee at Washington from May 23 to May 25.

San Francisco—The Call says that an order has been issued by the Southern Pacific company, to go into effect June 1 forbidding the sale of liquors in restaurants connected with depots, when such restaurants are rented from the railroad company. As nearly every restaurant on the western division is rented from the company, the order has a very wide scope.

Now that the strawberry season is here it is a good time to remark the fact that a good many of the boxes in which this fruit is sold are utterly unfit for use. Many of them are old boxes which were used last year, and, perhaps, the year before, and have held decayed fruit, rendering them not only filthy, but actually dangerous on account of the deadly germ they contain.

The only thing that seems to be well established in connection with the

growing mystery of Oak Knoll ranch in Pasadena is that Starr's family is most grievously afflicted. The suspense of a situation like theirs is harder to bear than almost anything else. When one critically considers the two mooted theories of murder and voluntary disappearance, there is only one thing more difficult to accept than either—and that is the other.

BANKER HELLMAN'S DAUGHTER WEDDED TO MR. E. S. HELLER.

One of the Most Brilliant Events of the Season in San Francisco Society Circles.

Under a golden Sabbath lamp in the home of one of the most successful financiers the Pacific coast has produced, the daughter of Isaias W. Hellman last night became the wife of Emanuel S. Heller, and so two widely known families were united, says the San Francisco Examiner of Thursday. By her beauty and her accomplishments, as much as by the brilliant setting which her father's exceptional standing in the financial world gave her, the bride has been a leader in youthful society circles and a favorite everywhere. The groom is a lawyer of standing, the son of a man whose name during his life time was synonymous with commercial honor, and who left to him ample means.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

A French astronomer announces that the sun will not lose its heat for 6,000,000 years. Goodness, but it is going to be a long summer.

Russia in Korea—Advices at Vancouver from Korea are to the effect that Russia is making tremendous inroads there, looking to final absorption.

Anarchy at Bluefields—Advices received at New Orleans from Bluefields, Nicaragua, by the steamer Jarl, state that pandemonium reigned in that city on the night of April 18. The arrival of the Detroit was anxiously awaited.

A letter has been received at Christiana from Captain Borchgrevink, in command of the expedition making an exploration of the Antarctic continent, dated from Cape Adair, Victoria Island, February 28, in which he says: "I have now landed on the great Antarctic continent with my staff, instruments and 75 dogs."

Paris—The advocates and opponents of Dreyfus revision held rival meetings in Paris and fights occurred afterward in the streets. Several persons were injured. It is rumored that a daughter of one of the members of the cabinet, desiring to put an end to the scandal, gave the Figaro, gratis, the reports of the evidence before the Court of Cassation.

Washington—The presence of Archbishop Ireland in Europe at this time led to the efforts among leading members of the Diplomatic Corps here to have the eminent American divine preside at some notable church occasion. As a result it is learned that the archbishop will deliver the principal discourse at the Joan of Arc celebration May 8, at the old French town of Orleans, which gave the name of the Maid of Orleans to the girl saint and soldier. The exercises will have both a religious and national character, bringing pilgrimages from all parts of Europe and having the special benediction of the Pope.

AN ANGRY MINISTER.

Refers to the Prince of Wales as a "Certain Card-Playing Prince."

London—The three hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Oliver Cromwell has furnished the occasion for biographies, appreciative articles, portraits in all the papers and celebrations in various parts of the country in honor of the Lord protector of the British commonwealth.

Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, this city, took the subject as the theme for his sermon and delivered an extraordinary oration to a large congregation. In the course of his remarks he attacked the Prince of Wales as "A certain card-playing Prince." After eulogizing Cromwell, Mr. Parker said: "We look to a prince for noble deeds and high example. When I see my prince and my premier on a race course, I don't like it."

These remarks were cheered by the audience, and Dr. Parker proceeded to make a rabid attack on the Sultan of Turkey, during which he said: "Emperor William may call him his friend, but in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, I say G—d—the Sultan."

THE DAIRY.

A meeting of the Salt River Valley Milk and Dairy Association was recently held at Phoenix, Ariz. The association has been in correspondence with a number of creamery people in the East, and is said to have received flattering offers, one of which will be accepted. There is said to be a good opening for a first-class creamery in the Salt River valley.

MINES AND MINING.

GREAT COPPER BELT.

Immense Ore Body Found at Mount Ranier's Base.

Tacoma, Wash.—For two years Chester Thorne, president of the National Bank of Commerce, has had miners exploring the great copper belt lying about the base of Mount Ranier, sixty miles from Tacoma. Several good copper prospects have been recently developed.

A sensation has been caused in mining circles by the announcement that an immense ore body, similar in character to that in the Anaconda and Butte copper mines, has been found in Thorne's Clipper and adjacent prospects.

For several weeks \$75 ore has been coming out of the Clipper tunnel, which has now increased in value to \$186 per ton. Veins so far developed include a five-foot vein on the Clipper property, a fourteen-foot vein on the Apex, and six-foot veins on four other adjoining claims. A dozen men have been sent in to push the development, and a larger force will be employed as soon as the snow disappears.

Superintendent Welkins says that over fifty parallel veins of this ore have been found in this district, all of them containing chalcopryite ore mixed with a large amount of native silver. One vein runs ninety pounds of copper and 293 ounces of silver per ton, while another assays 125 pounds of copper and 127 ounces of silver.

Banker Thorne's properties are located six miles from the Fairfax branch of the Northern Pacific. The ore can be shipped to the Tacoma smelter at a total cost of production of \$30 per ton, leaving a profit of \$150, insuring a large fortune for their owner.

DISCOVERY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY.

The Oakland Enquirer prints the following: "It is again rumored that a gold-bearing quartz ledge, the ore from which assays as high as \$35 a ton, has been struck in a tunnel in the hills near where the Thorn road crosses the boundary line between Alameda and Contra Costa county. One version of the interesting, if true, story, is that men who were tunneling in search of water into the hill on Otis L. Coffin's 228-acre ranch, formerly the property of the widow of A. Korler, struck the quartz ledge. They had the rock assayed and ascertaining that it contained gold in paying quantity, kept the fact secret until a purchase of the site of the mine could be effected."

THE UNITED VERDE OUTPUT.

Arizona papers are printing figures as to the probable output of the United Verde copper mines of Arizona, of which Senator-elect W. J. Clark is the principal owner. It is said that the present daily output is over one hundred tons of copper bullion a day, making 6,000,000 pounds as the monthly output. At the present price of copper, 18 cents a pound, the gross value of a month's yield is \$1,080,000 equal to a like monthly average to \$12,960,000. As the ore carries large values in gold and silver, it is estimated that the yearly output of the United Verde mines is not less than \$18,000,000.

GOLD AND BLACK SAND.

An Indianapolis company has, says the San Francisco Chronicle, acquired possession of some placer ground adjacent to Yale, B. C., which is said to be rich in gold and black sand. The association of the precious metal with the black sand has hitherto interfered with the thorough efficiency of sluicing. The new company intends treating the material with compressed air, winnowing the dross and saving the gold and black sand, which is to be subsequently melted. The black sand is said to assay \$18 per ton platinum and \$16 per ton silver.

The San Andreas Citizen says that a big strike has been made at the Santa Ana mine, uncovering a large body of very rich ore. The company has spent over \$200,000, and this is the first rock taken from the mine.

Winchester Recorder: J. Norton has bought of W. P. Rice all his interest in the Lettle and Anaconda mines, which are located south of Winchester. Recent assays show the ore, which is free milling, to be very rich. Work on the mines is being pushed vigorously.

The old Hathaway mine in the Ophir district, Placer county, Cal., which William C. Ralston years ago ran to a financial disadvantage, has a twenty-stamp mill, now crushing a daily average of twenty tons of \$5 quartz. The shaft is down 630 feet, and work has been done at the 50, 200 and 600-foot levels.

Los Angeles Mining Review: The Johannesburg mill is running five stamps steadily on ore from the Butte dump, and the other five are kept busy at present on ore from beyond Garden Station. This latter is rather base and the tailings will be cyanided after leaving the mill. The cyanide plant is working very successfully and has just made its first big clean-up.